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### REMARKS

Claims 13-22 have been canceled. New claims 23-26 have been added. Thus, claims 1-12 and 23-26 are now pending in the application. Support for the new claims may be found in original claims 1, 3-5, 16, 21 and 22. Thus, no new matter has been added and entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

### Restriction/Election Requirement

In the Restriction/Election requirement mailed September 21, 2007, the Examiner restricted the pending claims into two patentably distinct inventions

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a production method for a nanomaterial
- II. Claims 13-22, drawn to a metal oxide nanomaterial

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect **Group I** (Claims 1-12) without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 13-22 in a divisional application. New claims 23 and 24 are method claims which depend on method claim 1, and are therefore properly included in Group I. New claims 25 and 26 are composition claims that depend on claims 1 and 3-5, respectively (product-by-process claims) and are also properly included in Group I.

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### CONCLUSION

No fees are believed to be due. However, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

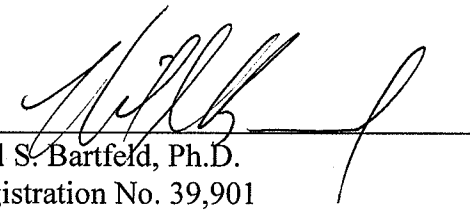
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